

until ten o'clock.

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CLERK: (Read LB 373-379 for the first time by title. S.e. pages 260-61 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, announcements. Senator Pedersen has been selected as Vice Chair of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee. And I have a hearing notice from the Transportation Committee. That's signed by Senator Kristensen as Chair. And that's all that I have at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

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PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Madam President, members, I move that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Governor of the State of Nebraska to the Legislative Chamber, to deliver his State of the State and Budget Address.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion before you, all those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. Motion carries. The Chair appoints the following committee to escort the Governor to the Chamber. Senator Will, Senator Beutler, Senator Bromm, Senator Dierks, Senator Wickersham. And Senator Will is not here at this time. Senator Lindsay, would you please escort the Governor. The committee is Senator Lindsay, Senator Beutler, Senator Bromm, Senator Dierks and Senator Wickersham. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Madam President, your committee now escorting the Governor of the great State of Nebraska, Ben Nelson.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Governor Nelson.

GOVERNOR BEN NELSON: The public good, the real welfare of the people is the goal of government. No government in any form has value except as to use it to attain this goal. Madam Chairman, Mr. Speaker, members of the Nebraska's Ninety-Fourth Legislature, family, friends and fellow Nebraskans, those are the paraphrased words of the famous...of a famous statesman.